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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS PBOR, PEPR, EC, PE, CI  
SUBJECT: ECUADOR/PERU BORDER DISPUTE

REF: QUITO 1121

1. ECUADOREAN FONMIN AYALA IS INCORRECT IN CATEGORIZING THE PERUVIAN NEWS MEDIA AS GOP CONTROLLED. THIS IS TRUE ONLY OF THE DAILY PAPERS. "OIGA" IS A MAGAZINE PUBLISHED WEEKLY AND IS ENTIRELY, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE INDEPENDENT OF THE GOP. THE DIRECTOR OF "OIGA" (RENAMED "OIGA 78" IN JANUARY) IS FRANCISCO IGARTUA, A WELL-KNOWN LEFTIST JOURNALIST WHO WAS INITIALLY A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION BUT WAS DEPORTED IN 1974 FOR CRITICIZING GOP ECONOMIC POLICY. IGARTUA RESUMED CONTROL OF "OIGA" IN JANUARY AND CHANGED ITS FORMAT RADICALLY. SINCE JANUARY THE MAGAZINE HAS BEEN LESS POLEMICAL, BUT MORE EMPHASIS ON ANALYSIS AND COVERAGE OF TOPICAL POLITICAL ISSUES AND EVENTS.

2. THE QUOTE ECUADOR DOES NOT EXIST, IT HAS NEVER EXISTED AS A  
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COUNTRY, ONLY AS AN IMAGINARY LINE UNQUOTE SENTENCE IS A PARAPHRASE OF A STATEMENT BY FEDERICO MORE, A PERUVIAN JOURNALIST WHO WAS POPULAR DURING THE 1930'S. THE "OIGA" REFERENCE TO THIS STATEMENT IS MORE OF A RHETORICAL FLOURISH THAN A SERIOUS ARGUMENT. THE IDEA IS THAT IF ECUADOR IS GOING TO DISPENSE WITH THE RIO PROTOCOL IN FAVOR OF DUBIOUS HISTORICAL CLAIMS TO ACCESS TO THE AMAZON, THEN PERU CAN JUST AS EASILY RESORT TO HISTORICAL

CLAIMS FOR ALL OF ECUADOR. ("OIGA" REPRODUCES AN OLD MAP THAT  
SHOWS ECUADOR TO BE PART OF PERU IN THE COLONIAL EPOCH.)  
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